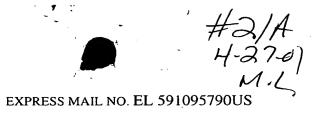
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application (enclosed herewith) as indicated below.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

On page 1, line 6, after "This application" please insert the following text:

- is a continuation of International Application PCT/US99/06215 which designates the

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-36 and 44-47, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims: